

Stonewall Jackson Monument Cornerstone to Be Laid Thursday



LAY CORNERSTONE OF JACKSON STATUE JUNE 3

Event in Charge of Grand Lodge of Masons—Music by Two Bands.

EXERCISES BEGIN AT 1 O'CLOCK

Chief Address by William A. Anderson, of Lexington—Introduced by Judge George L. Christian—Story of Creation of Monument Fund.

The three days of the Confederate Reunion in Richmond will be crowded with events of keen interest and significance to the thousands and thousands of people from in and out of the city who will participate as actors or spectators in the great three-day spectacle. But it is probable that none of them will more deeply touch the heart of the whole South, or will more thoroughly commend itself to the approval of those who glory in the achievements of the soldiers of the Confederacy than the laying of the cornerstone of the equestrian statue to General Stonewall Jackson.

This event, destined to be historic in the annals of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and of the South, will take place at the corner of the Boulevard and Monument Avenue at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday, June 3. No detail will be omitted that would add to the impressiveness of the important and historic occasion.

MAJOR W. A. ANDERSON ORATOR AT CORNERSTONE LAYING

Major William A. Anderson, of Lexington, Va., a member of the famous Stonewall Brigade, and former Attorney-General of Virginia, will deliver the principal address of the occasion. He will be introduced by Judge George L. Christian. The opening prayer will be by Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., the last surviving member of the staff of General Jackson, and the closing prayer and benediction will be by Rev. J. W. Buchanan, D. D., of Tennessee, Chaplain-General of the United Confederate Veterans.

The laying of the cornerstone will be by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, with Grand Master James B. Wood and a notable array of other officials of the order participating.

MONUMENT DUE TO HARD WORK OF A FEW MEN

The history of the movement for the erection of a suitable equestrian statue to General Jackson, which has now reached the stage where between \$31,000 and \$32,000 have been raised, and where it is expected that within another year the monument can be in place, is the history of the unselfish and persevering effort of a few men, who, fired with admiration for a great soldier, and animated with a proud discontent with the failure of Virginia and the South to give permanent form to its esteem for Jackson, formed the Stonewall Jackson Monument Corporation and pushed to a successful conclusion their plans for the erection of the statue.

Leading the movement which has culminated in raising the fund needed for the erection of the monument was

Officers of Stonewall Jackson Monument Corporation. The cornerstone of the equestrian monument to Jackson, to be located at the intersection of Monument Avenue and the Boulevard, will be laid with Masonic honors on Thursday afternoon following the grade parade.

Captain William M. Myers, commanding the Richmond Howitzers. Of Captain Myers' service Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., who, as president of the corporation, also has been active in the movement for the statue, says: "It can never be forgotten that to Captain Myers and the Howitzer boys is largely due the initiation of the present movement now approaching a glorious accomplishment." In a paper on the subject prepared by Dr. Smith he says further about the connection of the Howitzers with the movement for the monument:

"Very strong and widespread has been the desire to erect an equestrian monument which should be the gift of the people of Virginia and of the South, in some degree worthy of the great soldier and of the profound and universal admiration in which Jackson is held, which should perpetuate his great name and abide for generations to come to teach those that come after us the story of his personal character and his great career. Again and again propositions were made in the press and in the halls of State Legislatures, and command to be returned in the absence of any organization and authorized agency to receive funds for the purpose.

HOWITZERS GET AROUSE
IN A VALLEY CAMPAIGN
 "A few years ago the Richmond Howitzers, marching through the Valley of Virginia and encamping among the Blue Mountains on the battle fields made ever memorable by Jackson and his 'foot cavalry' became inspired with the purpose to start a movement without further delay to erect the long-deferred monument to the 'Hero of the Shenandoah'."

When the Howitzers finished their "Valley Campaign" at Alexandria they were given a royal reception by the three Confederate organizations of that city—the United Confederate Veterans, the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Veterans. So impressed with the hospitality of the Alexandria patriots, the officers of the Howitzers then decided to send a delegation back to that city and present a loving cup to the three organizations for the adornment of the building which they occupied jointly. The delegation, which included Dr. Smith, chaplain of the Howitzers, went to Alexandria in January, 1909, and in his presentation speech, Captain Myers designated himself and the organization which he represented to the plan for the erection of the monument. He dwelt on the fact that outside of a statue given by Englishmen there was strangely enough no substantial and permanent memorial to Jackson.

The Howitzers then began to have informal discussions as to when would be a suitable time to begin active work on the task of raising funds for the monument. For various reasons it was not until November, 1911, that the time seemed ripe to begin on the big undertaking.

MEETING OF FRIENDS OF MOVEMENT CALLED

The first meeting to take the necessary preliminary steps was called for November 29, of that year. The call, which was circulated by Captain Myers and others of the Howitzers, was as follows:

Commandant's Office, Richmond Howitzers, Battery A, First Battalion, Field Artillery, Virginia Volunteers, Richmond, Va.
 Wm. M. Myers, captain, commanding,

Monument to General Stonewall Jackson.

A Meeting Called.
 Through many years it has been the desire of a great host of the people of Virginia and the South to erect in Richmond an equestrian statue of that great captain, General Thomas J. Jackson.

It is now proposed to organize an association and secure action that will honor this son of Virginia and adorn the capital city with a memorial that will instruct and educate those who come after us.

A meeting of friends of this proposal will be held at Lee Camp Hall, on Broad Street, on Wednesday evening, November 29, 1911, at 8 o'clock. All who feel interested in the matter, ladies and men, young men and veterans are invited to meet with us that we may organize for this purpose.

The following signed the call for the meeting: D. C. Richardson, George L. Christian, William A. Anderson, J. Taylor, E. L. Hunter, Washington, D. C., Willard, John B. Purcell, Jo Lane Stern, William H. White, John A. Curtis, E. D. Hotchkiss, John S. Harwood, James P. Cox, George F. Baltzell, U. S. A., William M. Myers, Stuart McGuire, T. M. Wortham, John Stewart Bryan, C. P. Pinckney, Jennings C. Wise, C. A. Richardson, Frank S. Woodson, W. B. Freeman, James T. Gray, J. Thompson Smith, John Bolling, Petersburg, Va.; Robert W. Hunter, Washington, D. C.; George H. Myers, John T. Wood, E. K. Travers, Warrenton, Morgan R. Mills, George W. Rogers, C. W. Dempsey, D. G. A. Brown, Jr., Edmund Pendleton, J. G. Montague, A. R. Golderby, Jr., Charles E. Cooke, John D. Russell, H. C. Cooper, R. M. Lynn, W. E. Seal, P. W. J. Gilman, H. R. Pollard, Jr., James J. Pollard, E. J. Bosher, Oliver L. Spaulding, Jr., A. R. H. Harwood, A. C. Harman, Charles J. Anderson, James J. Creamer, Hill Montague, Branch Johnson, A. G. Brown, Jr., H. A. Brinkley, W. W. Laprade, E. C. Folkes.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, NOV. 29, 1911

Pursuant to the call the meeting formally to start the campaign to raise the funds with which to erect the monument was held in Lee Camp Hall, November 29, 1911. It was decided to form a permanent organization to be known as the Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson Memorial Association. Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., first vice-president, Judge George L. Christian, second vice-president, Mrs. Edgar D. Taylor; third vice-president, W. W. Kern, secretary, William M. Myers, treasurer, E. D. Hotchkiss. Those named as the board of directors were D. C. Richardson, W. S. Archer, J. Thompson Brown, William A. Anderson, Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, Miss Kate Mason Rowland, Miss Anna B. Boykin, C. A. Richardson, John A. Curtis, William M. Myers, E. D. Hotchkiss, Charles J. Anderson, William D. Richardson, Peter J. White, Alexander Forward, P. K. T. Warrick, William Wesson, James T. Gray, Marshall M. Gilliam, Edmund Pendleton, Miss Kate Mason Rowland, Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, Alexander G. Brown, Frank S. Woodson, William H. Wyatt, Jr., A. G. Franklin, Raymond D. Garlin, W. R. Wood, W. D. Greeter, Charles Wesson.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED ORGANIZATION MEETING

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS HOLD THEIR FIRST MEETING

The board of directors met for the first time in the office of Mayor D. C. Richardson on the afternoon of December 4, 1911. In the meantime, Edwin P. Cox had drawn a charter for the organization, designating the association the Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson Monument Corporation. The directors accepted the charter and it was later obtained of the State Auditor. Richardson moved that funds be accepted from all proper and honorable sources, and the motion prevailed. An executive committee of the board was named as follows: James Power Smith, George L. Christian, E. D. Hotchkiss, Miss Anna B. Boykin, William M. Myers, T. M. Wortham, D. C. Richardson. It was decided to ask the State for an appropriation of \$10,000 and to seek to enlist the active interest of the press of the South.

The next meeting of the board of directors was held on December 11, and at this meeting it was decided to make May 12 a day of contributions to the monument fund by the school children of Virginia. January 15 the directors met and accepted an article for the press prepared by Judge George L. Christian, with certain amendments by John Stewart Bryan.

In making the plans to have the school children of Virginia contribute to the fund the directors looked to the fact that the rural schools close early, and the result was that the returns from Jackson Day in the schools was but only \$267.59 being realized in this way.

COMMITTEES ON SITE, DESIGN AND FUNDS NAMED

At a meeting held July 26, 1912, it was felt that the movement had gained sufficient headway to justify the ap-

The Confederate Reunion

"Why the Reunion is Held," from an address of General Stephen D. Lee:

"We come together because we love the past, because our lives have been shaped by a great experience—by the richest, deepest experience that has come to any generation of Americans; by a common story so rich in heroism, in sacrifice, in patriotism, that every living man and woman who breathes the air we breathe remember grows cheap when we think of the Confederacy."

"We go to our graves feeling that we are right. We are sure we did our duty. We have through all our lives and under every condition maintained our self-respect, and in our old age now we have the respect not only of those who fought against us, but of the whole world."

"We have taught our children to honor the flag of our reunited country. In the Spanish War we sent our sons and our grandsons to follow the flag that every living man and woman who breathes the air we breathe now again give our unstinted loyalty. Best of all, we restored our beloved land as an integral living part to the union of our fathers. With us now all bitterness and passion have passed away. We are holding only to that which is sweetest and best and tenderest in living."

pointment of committees on site, design and funds. These were appointed as follows: D. C. Richardson, John S. Harwood, W. S. Archer, J. Thompson Brown, William M. Myers, T. M. Wortham, on design; George L. Christian, Mrs. C. E. Bolling, Edwin P. Cox, Edgar D. Taylor, Miss Kate Mason Rowland, Charles J. Anderson, on funds; James Power Smith, John Stewart Bryan, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, George L. Christian, E. D. Hotchkiss and Miss Anna B. Boykin.

The next meeting of importance in the progress of the campaign for the raising of the fund was held on March 19, 1913. Then the directors decided to issue an appeal to the citizens of Richmond on May 19, the fortieth anniversary of the death of Jackson in which subscriptions to the fund would be asked. It was also decided that the president of the association, Rev. James Power Smith, D. D., should go on a tour of the valley towns and cities and form local associations to aid in raising the fund.

At a meeting of the directors May 20, 1913, Dr. Smith reported that he had had a successful trip, and found that the movement met with the approval of the people everywhere he went.

A great advance in the movement came when the women of Richmond and of Virginia entered the field with their untiring zeal and devotion. A joint committee was organized representing all the women's Confederate associations—the local chapters of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Confederate Memorial Literary Society, the Hollywood, Oakwood, Hebrew and Chesterfield memorial associations. This committee determined to use May 10 as Jackson flag day in Richmond and the rest of Virginia. To awaken public interest in this great effort a mass meeting was held in the City Auditorium under direction of the women's joint committee. The meeting was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held at the capital. The great hall was filled with military organizations, the camps of veterans, chapters of the U. D. C., and the people of the city. The meeting was especially honored and deeply stirred by the presence of Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, the beloved widow of the great chief, who has since passed away. With her on that notable occasion was the grand-daughter of General Jackson, Mrs. E. Randolph Preston, of Charlotte. George L. Christian presided, and after prayer by Rev. P. D. Stephenson, brief addresses were made by Governor Henry C. Stuart, Mayor George Ainslie, Captain John Lamb, Dr. Samford Mitchell, John Stewart Bryan and Rev. James Power Smith, D. D.

JACKSON FLAG DAY OBSERVED WITH GOOD RESULTS

Jackson flag day followed on May 11, and was observed in Richmond and in other cities of Virginia, about \$2,000 being added to the fund in this way. At the time of the mass-meeting preliminary to the flag day the fund had reached \$1,819.07.

As a result of a visit of President Smith to Baltimore, and a large and representative meeting in one of the halls of Johns Hopkins University, contributions came from that city approximating \$1,000. Many other contributions of various amounts and from various sources have come in, including one of \$256 from the camp of Confederate Veterans in New York City, one of \$119 from Confederate camps in other States, and \$155 from Confederate camps in Virginia. From United Daughters of the Confederacy and from individuals in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$250 an aggregate of about \$1,000 was received. Additional amounts were received in sums of \$1 and up, making a total of something over \$11,000, to which were added an appropriation by the State of \$10,000 and a like amount by the city of Richmond.

SITE FAVORED FOR BOULEVARD AND MONUMENT AVENUE

An important meeting of the board of directors was that of November 13, 1914, when the report of the site committee was made and accepted, the committee reporting in favor of the site at the intersection of Monument Avenue and the Boulevard. At this meeting also it was decided that the laying of the cornerstone should occur during Reunion Week, and the president of the corporation, Dr. Smith, was directed to arrange with the Reunion Committee for a suitable day and hour.

On March 22, 1915, the directors met

again and named committees on cornerstone and program of corner-stone laying as follows: On corner-stone, E. D. Hotchkiss, J. Thompson Brown, W. S. Archer; on program, Charles J. Anderson, Edwin P. Cox, George L. Christian, T. M. Wortham; on the selection of the place for the next convention, one of the most important committees to submit a report will be that on the designation of the Stars and Bars, which will decide as to whom should fall the honor of first designing the fair flag of the Confederacy.

On Wednesday night a grand concert will be held at the City Auditorium. It will be conducted by Professor W. C. Mercer, who will gather for the occasion the largest and most representative choir Richmond has ever heard. Later a mimic reproduction of the Battle of the Crater will be given by the Richmond Grays' Battalion, and the laying of the cornerstone at Camp Stuart, located at the State Fair Grounds. The scene will be greatly enhanced by appropriate fireworks.

The reunion will close on Thursday with a grand parade in the morning and the laying of the cornerstone of the Stonewall Jackson monument, and a grand ball at the First Regiment Armory at night. The Richmond Light Infantry Blues will give a ball the same night in honor of the Connecticut Foot Guard, which is to come here as the personal escort of Governor H. Combe.

The program of the United Confederate Veterans follows:
Tuesday, June 1, 10 A. M.
 Calling convention to order by General J. Thompson Brown, commanding Virginia Division.
 Prayer.
 Music by reunion choir, conducted by Professor Walter C. Mercer.
 Address of welcome by Henry C. Stuart, Governor of Virginia, on behalf of the State.
 Address of welcome by George Ainslie, Mayor of Richmond, on behalf of the city.
 Address of welcome on behalf of the veterans of Virginia, by Judge D. C. Tyler.

Address on behalf of Sons of Veterans, by John W. Hale, of Rome, Ga. Turning over convention to commander-in-chief, General Bennett H. Young, by General J. Thompson Brown.

Response by General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief.
 Presentation of the only two living Confederate Governors, McCree, of Kentucky, and Harris, of Georgia.
 Announcement of committee on credentials and resolutions.
 Adjournment to 3 P. M.

Afternoon Session, 3 P. M.
 Convention called to order by Commander-in-Chief, General Bennett H. Young.

Reunion address by Dr. Henry H. Battle, of Charlottesville, Va., son of General Cullen A. Battle, C. S. A., by General B. W. Green, of Arkansas.
 Address on "The Confederate Soldier," by General Julian S. Carr.

Wednesday, June 2, 10 A. M.
 Convention called to order by General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief.

Report of credential committee.
 Report of Battle Abbey committee.
 Report of historical committee.
 Memorial exercises, under the joint control of the U. C. V. and Confederate Southern Memorial Association.
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 Report of Davis home farm committee.

Selection of place for holding next convention.
 Election of officers.
 Miscellaneous business.

Night Session, 8:30 P. M.
 Grand concert at City Auditorium, conducted by Professor Walter C. Mercer.

Fire works (with reproduction of Battle of the Crater), Stuart Camp, 10 P. M.

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